

REMARKS

In the aforementioned Office Action, Claims 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Negishi et al (US 4,215,387).

By this communication, Claims 23 and 24 have been cancelled. Claims 1-15 and 20-22 are pending in the Application.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the Application is now in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

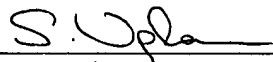
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3267.

Dated: June 28, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

Thermo Electron Corporation
ATTN: IP Department
355 River Oaks Parkway
San Jose, California 95134
Tel: (408) 965-6000
Fax: (408) 965-6010

By:


Sharon Upham
Reg. No. 43,357